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DATE: July 21, 2000

TO: ENERGY STAR® Television and VCR Partners and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Craig Hershberg, EPA Program Manager

RE: Notice to Extend the Duration of the Television and VCR (TV/VCR)  
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Environmental Protection  
Agency (EPA) and ENERGY STAR® TV/VCR Partners

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EPA is exercising its right to extend the effective date of the TV/VCR MOU (Version 1.0) through **June 30, 2001**. Originally, the TV/VCR MOU (Version 1.0) was due to expire on December 31, 2000 as provided in Section III.C. The six-month extension has been allotted to negotiate new specifications with Partners in order to develop a second phase of the program.

Communication between EPA and Partners will be handled similarly to other program initiatives. EPA will post relevant information about the TV/VCR Program, including meeting announcements, meeting summaries, draft energy-efficiency criteria, and other forms of communication on the ENERGY STAR Web site at <http://www.energystar.gov>. Later this summer when the set-top box specifications are completed and released, EPA will shift its attention and resources to the TV/VCR specifications.

Manufacturers and their representatives are encouraged to begin compiling data and suggestions for the next version of the TV/VCR specifications. EPA will consider industry proposals regarding EPG models, digital TVs, TV/DVD players, TV/Monitors, and other new designs and features. Data on energy use, usage patterns, and market penetration for these new technologies would be particularly beneficial and informative for EPA/Industry discussions. Please feel free to contact me at (202) 564-1251 to schedule a meeting or if you would like to send information to me, please fax me at (202) 565-6674 or e-mail me at [hershberg.craig@epa.gov](mailto:hershberg.craig@epa.gov).

Also, on the horizon, is the Consumer Electronics Show (CES®) in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 6-9, 2001. This show presents a great opportunity for us to work together to promote the ENERGY STAR Program and your company's participation. Please contact me or Gwen Duff at ICF Consulting if you are interested in working together at this event. Gwen can be reached by telephone at (202) 862-1230 or by e-mail at [gduff@icfconsulting.com](mailto:gduff@icfconsulting.com).

Thank you for your attention and ongoing support of the ENERGY STAR Program.